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RESPONSE TO NOTICE DATED 5-19-2006

In the notice mailed 5-19-2006, the Examiner narrowed down the issues of the restriction requirement (mailed 1-30-2006) to whether the claim groups are

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patentably distinct, and moreover, requested Applicant's specific input on this issue.

Having argued and cited specific authority appropriate to the grounds for restriction set forth in the restriction requirement dated 1-30-2006, however, Applicants have already fully responded to the restriction requirement and believe it to be improper. The claims should be examined in a single application for numerous reasons, as explained in Applicant's paper dated 1-30-2006. As pointed out in Applicant's response, for example, the restriction requirement does not make a convincing case for whether the claimed inventions are independent. Therefore, the issue of whether the claims are distinct need not even be addressed. Restriction is permitted only if an application contains two or more independent and distinct inventions. 35 USC 121, MPEP 802.01. Applicant's previous traverse of the restriction requirement made this point. Applicant repeating this point now would be redundant.

Again, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.143.

Respectfully Submitted,



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